

COOK READY TO SUE PEARY

AFFIDAVITS MADE AS BASIS FOR SLANDER ACTION.

Said to Feel Keenly Peary's Insinuations and to Desire Legal Vindication—Talk Also of a Suit for Appropriation of the Supplies Left at Etah.

The Cook-Peary controversy is likely to get into the courts on a charge of slander. Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, said last night that a suit for slander was contemplated and probably will be started against Commander Peary. Although Dr. Cook has not said so it is evident that he has felt keenly the insinuations made by Commander Peary and in addition to presenting his proofs and data collected on his polar quest to some qualified body of experts he now expects to take the case to the civil courts for a settlement.

Through the heckling he has undergone Dr. Cook has refused to say anything about the telegrams of "gold brick" and "I have him nailed" that have come down from the upper part of the world. Many have wondered at his reticence under the circumstances, but his friends said that he merely was biding his time.

Another suit for the collection of damages was hinted at by Mr. Lonsdale, although he refused to commit himself. After Peary said that he did not believe Cook's story the latter retorted that Peary had taken the stores and valuable pelts he had left at Etah before starting on his dash. Dr. Cook was corroborated by Capt. Moses Bartlett, who commanded the schooner that carried Cook and his party on the first leg of their journey.

The preliminary steps such as the drawing up of affidavits have already been attended to, according to Mr. Lonsdale, and the matter will rest until the arrival of Commander Peary. Mr. Lonsdale said that he believed that Commander Peary's friends also contemplated a suit in retaliation, on just what grounds he did not know.

Prof. Archer M. Huntington, president of the American Geographical Society, had a talk with Dr. Cook in the Waldorf yesterday and expressed himself as satisfied with the results of Dr. Cook's claim after being told some facts that have not been given to the general public.

Dr. Cook intended to attend the Hudson-Fulton parade to-day, but later changed his mind and will stay at home to prepare for the lecture to be delivered on Monday at Carnegie Hall. He will have a busy week, consisting of dinners that will test his gastronomic capacities to the utmost. On Tuesday he will attend a dinner given in his honor at the Harlem Casino. On Wednesday the Hudson-Fulton dinner at the Astor will demand his presence, and on Thursday he will be at the Democratic Club at a dinner in Brooklyn given by the United Danish American societies.

PEARY WAITS MOVE BY CLUB

Gen. Hubbard Says That the Officers Will Meet Here.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 24.—Immediate publication of Commander Robert E. Peary's evidence assailing the veracity of Dr. Cook is not on the cards of Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, the president of the Peary Arctic Club, who now has under his consideration all of the proof in contradiction of Cook's claims to polar discovery. The time and the place of the publication of the broadside against the Bushwick explorer are matters Arctic Club. Hubbard to-day put into the field of speculation. His intimation was that it would not be soon.

This morning some of the correspondents who had followed Peary down from Labrador sent a telegram to Gen. Hubbard at Bar Harbor asking if he had any statement to give out at present, and if not at what time such a statement would be forthcoming. The following answer came from the head of the Peary Arctic Club: "No statement will be given out until authorized by officers of Peary Arctic Club. This cannot be done until they meet in New York or vicinity some time ahead. My conference with Commander Peary is merely to inform officers of the club and its results will be submitted to them only."

This is taken to indicate that the officers of the Peary Arctic Club, into whose hands Commander Peary has put full authority to make the next move in the controversy with Cook, do not intend to be goaded into any undue haste either by a turn of circumstances or by possible further statements by Dr. Cook himself. When the time for the publication of Commander Peary's proofs against Cook comes the Commander himself will probably not be the one to give them out, but Herbert L. Bridgman of Brooklyn, the secretary of the club.

When Gen. Hubbard alluded in his telegram to-day to a meeting of the officers of the club in New York or at its vicinity he did not refer to an assembly of any great number. All the officers of the club are resident in two men, Gen. Hubbard, the president, and Mr. Bridgman, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Bridgman is in Brooklyn and Gen. Hubbard at Bar Harbor.

While these two men are deliberating upon the documents which according to Peary's declaration constitute indisputable proof that Dr. Cook is a faker Peary himself will remain immured at Table Island, down in Casco Bay, impregnable and silent. He has told the newspaper men here that he will not answer any questions or volunteer any statements touching upon the dispute over polar honors. Nor will he receive any more disinterested callers than he has to.

As to the nature of that proof which has been put into the hands of the Peary Arctic Club's officers Peary will not give an inkling. Since by his telegram to-day Gen. Hubbard defined the board of management of Peary's side of the controversy to include only himself and Mr. Bridgman, neither of whom is a scientist, the belief grows that the Commander's hot shot at Cook will not be of a technical nature.

Commander Peary, his wife and children, left Portland at 4 o'clock this afternoon to go by boat to South Harpswell. They will remain there to-night should they find that the storm prevailing to-day made the crossing to Eagle Island liable to be a wet one.

A FINE DAY PROMISED

Weather Folks Have Nothing but Cheer to Hold Out.

There was no one on duty at the Weather Bureau last night willing to stake his official reputation on the prophecy of fine weather that we are reasonably certain of getting to-day, but everybody was hopeful. The chart that one of the assistants of Forecaster Scarr made up at 11 o'clock had nothing but optimism in it. There was a large, half continental "high"—that is, a section of sunshine—covering the middle of the country, its eastern edge was touching this neighborhood and even the tyro in cloud interpretation could see that there was going to be brightness hereabouts to-day.

Yesterday viewed locally did look unpropitious for the patriots and the foreign visitors willing to help them out. But far off in the west the aerial weavers of sunbeams were working for the celebration. Ancient pessimists who declared that the dampness of yesterday was merely the precursor of the "equinoctial" fog that that meteorological bugaboo has been banished with other superstitions less meteorological. There was nothing approaching a disturbance on the chart from Florida to Maine and from New York to the Pacific.

The national prophets, who occasionally hit right, united with the local seer in declaring that to-day would be and should be "fair and cooler." Asked to interpret with more perspicuity, the loyal prophet on duty late last night said that fair might be considered to mean "sunshine" and that he personally believed that we were going to have several beautiful bright days beginning with to-day. The rain ceased at 8:40 and the wind was coming out of a clear region, the West, so it looked mighty fine for the ships that will parade up the Hudson and the folks who will see them.

SHONTS SUE FOR \$200,000

Hiph Charges Alienation of Wife's Affection—Wrong Man, Says Shonts.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough company, has been sued for \$200,000 damages by Frederick Hiph, the New York manager of a Kentucky whiskey distillery. He alleges alienation of his wife's affections.

Hiph lives at the Hotel Langham, 1030 street at Broadway. Through his lawyer, Dr. Lancy Nicolli, Mr. Shonts said yesterday that it was a case of mistaken identity.

Hiph married his present wife, who was a Miss Anna Lovell, five years ago. They have no children. Miss Lovell was a Christian, while Hiph is a Jew and there were other causes for estrangement, including the fact that he is fourteen years her senior and that he has been in the habit of working a great many hours of the day and of neglecting the matter of attention.

Mrs. Hiph and Shonts are alleged to have met at Narragansett Pier in the summer of 1907. Mr. Shonts's friends say that he has not seen the woman for six months or more and that even while he did see her their acquaintance was of the most superficial kind.

The trouble between husband and wife culminated, according to Mr. Hiph, last month when a telegram addressed to his wife was handed to him by mistake in an Allenhurst hotel. The telegram asked Mr. Hiph to meet the sender in a drug store at Astor Park.

Mr. Nicolli says that it is ridiculous to suppose that Mr. Shonts sent this telegram and adds that on August 2, when the telegram was sent, Mr. Shonts was sick in bed and was being attended by a trained nurse.

Hiph's lawyers have been getting ready to begin an action for divorce against Mrs. Hiph, but they say that they cannot find her.

PARK STANDS IN COURT AGAIN

Order to Show Cause Why They Should Not All Be Removed.

Supreme Court Justice Vernon M. Davis last night signed an order requiring Park Commissioner Henry Smith, Police Commissioner Baker and others, the last named the holders of permits for grand stands on park property to show cause on Monday morning before Justice Brady why the permits for these stands should not be revoked, the stands torn down and in case any remain standing why the public should not be allowed free access to them. The order was obtained by Louis Epstein, who is in the real estate business at 114 West 143d street.

The order names Commissioners Smith and Baker and lets the rest off with "John Doe, Richard Roe and Frederick Smith." It requires Commissioner Smith to show cause why he should "not be directed to revoke any and all permits or licenses issued by him to any person, firm or corporation for the erection on park property of reviewing stands. It requires Commissioners Smith and Baker to show cause why they should not be enjoined from interfering with the general public entering the stands, and requires Commissioner Smith besides to say why he should not be ordered to remove the stands from park property.

The others whose names are not given are required to show cause why they too should not be restrained from interfering with the use of the stands by the general public.

STEAMER UTSJIN WRECKED

Vessel From Which Swindler F. G. Bailey Escaped Destroyed Off Yucatan Coast.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—According to advices brought here to-day by a rescuing party which arrived at Port Eads parts of the wreckage of the steamship Utsjin, which was chartered in the fruit trade by J. B. Cafalu of this city, were seen.

It is believed that the vessel was sunk in the Yucatan channel on Monday and that forty persons went down with her. She was bound from Puerto Cortez for New Orleans, carrying passengers and freight.

The Utsjin is the vessel from which Francis G. Bailey, the New York swindler, escaped on June 30, 1908, after Detective Peary had got him and his associates in the piratical voyage of the Goldboro on board to take them to New York under extradition from Honduras.

SEE HUDSON-FULTON PARADES.

Viewing stand in choice location, Fifth av., northeast corner 51st street. Seats 50c to \$2.50. Adv. on sale to-day. MAHON'S Club, 1100 Broadway.—Ad.

HERRING TELLS ABOUT ARNOT

PATHEPIC STORY OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE INVENTOR.

Kept His Interest in Flight Secret So as Not to Offend Uncle—Knew He Was Dying and Wanted to Do Something—No Matter If I'm Hurt," He Said.

A. M. Herring, the aeronaut, made a statement yesterday in regard to the publication of the discovery of a correspondence between himself and Matthias Arnot, a wealthy young man of Elmira, N. Y., now dead, which disclosed the fact that Arnot was responsible for some of the ideas embodied in the Herring-Curtiss machine, in which Glenn H. Curtiss is making world records.

Mr. Herring said that he had refrained from mentioning his association with Arnot for the reason that it had been Arnot's desire not to appear in the matter. "After the death of Arnot's father," said Mr. Herring, "an uncle of his by the same name took charge of the estate. This uncle was not in sympathy with young Arnot's ambition to invent a flying machine and considered it an absurd impossibility."

"Arnot did not wish to oppose his uncle, so he carried on his work in secret. When he learned that I was experimenting with flying machines he offered me capital with which to carry on experiments. His ideas were far in advance of his day. He offered suggestions that will be embodied in the final solution of the problem."

"I had already built and tried out gliders successfully before I began working with Arnot. I would not in any way detract from what he has done to promote the science. He offered many suggestions for details which I worked out."

"Arnot was not interested in flying machines from a commercial standpoint. He was a consumptive and he realized that his years were numbered. He said that his object was to do something for civilization and to do something worth while. But before he succumbed to his pulmonary afflictions he was stricken with appendicitis and underwent an operation, from which he died."

"One of the last things he did was to dictate a letter to me in which he wished me success and said in any event I would find myself in a position to carry on this work. He also stated that the original conception of the project of the present machine was his and that he wished it should be a success had been cancelled."

"Just what provision Arnot had made for me I did not know until the estate was settled and I was allowed \$4,000. The bequest was not hinged on any claim."

"Young Arnot was one of the warmest and best friends I have ever had, and one of the biggest men of his time. He often said that it would be better for him to take the first ride, for in case of an accident it would be better for him to go, as I was fitted to carry on the work."

"Once when we were trying out a model in Luke, Michigan, it landed in the water and was destroyed. He said at the time he would rather have seen a bag with \$5,000 in it sink."

"Among the papers found at Elmira is probably a photograph showing him in a glider which I constructed. "In 1898 I invented a power driven machine which sustained flight, and in 1900 and 1901 we were engaged in experiments on a machine."

"While I was developing ideas for Arnot I was also working along independent lines."

"Arnot always maintained that simplicity and success were synonymous and it was to this end he was striving to unlock the secret of flight."

TENT SHOWS IN CITY PARK

Misguided Showmen Camp in Mulberry Bend, but Must Strike Camp to-day.

Two big circus tents, a carousel and a rattle dazle occupied Mulberry Bend Park last night to the amazement of the police and the onlookers. Shortly after 9 o'clock the trucks carrying the tents and fixtures drove to the park, they were unloaded and while a large crowd looked on the tents were put up.

Then Policeman Bridgman of the Elizabeth street station came along. He saw the circus in the park, rubbed his eyes clear of the rain and took another look.

"Well, I'll be damned!" said he. "At the north end of the park stood the big tent of Alfred Benjamin of 18 Julian street, Providence, R. I. Benjamin was busy inside arranging his moving picture machine. Leonard Colson of 704 Park avenue, Brooklyn, had the south end with his merry-go-round and rattle dazle."

Bridgman was afraid to tackle the tents alone and got Capt. Mike Galvin. Benjamin showed the captain a letter signed by Richard L. McMahon of 114 Centre street. It was headed "Old Home Week of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards." The names of Tim Sullivan, Sheriff Foley, John F. Ahearn and others were on the letterhead as members of the committee.

"I saw this man McMahon at 114 Centre street," said Benjamin. "I called in answer to an advertisement. He said this was celebration week and that for \$5 a foot I could have a fine place for my shows."

"You've got it all right," said Galvin, "but you've been stung and will have to move in the morning."

Colson and Benjamin when told that they had been swindled went out on a still hunt for McMahon last night.

APPLES FOR G. W. PERKINS.

Earnest Hunt in Michigan for Three Barrels of Big Ones.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Sept. 24.—Fred K. George of Detroit arrived here to-day bearing a big red apple. His task is to match that apple and to procure three barrels just like it for George W. Perkins of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the Pere Marquette road, of which Mr. George is advertising man.

Local experts have viewed the apple with dismay and are unable to name it. It is about the size of a twenty ounce pippin, only its jacket instead of being green is a bright red. Whether it is sweet, sour or medium no one knows, because George wouldn't let the experts bite into it or even let them handle it. Considerable local aid has been enlisted and it is believed George will be successful.

LOOK OUT FOR FRAUD IN ART

Artist Chase Says New Tariff Law Will Bring in a Lot of Dubs.

William M. Chase, the painter, returned yesterday on the Lusitania from a three months stay at his villa near Florence, where he did considerable work, the season being extremely favorable for outdoor painting.

"This new tariff taking the duty off art, with few exceptions," said Mr. Chase, "is going to prove a seriously mistaken move. It is bound to create a lot of shady attic and store-room pictures for the changing of the day on pictures to make certain 'masters' old enough to get in without paying duty. Against such this country stands in need of protection, and the efforts of some of us have been devoted in the past to raising the standard of art in this country."

"It is an established fact that in Europe American painters are recognized as leading the world to-day. This removal of the tariff simply lets down the bars to a lot of worthless dubs, for which every dusty attic and storeroom in Europe has been anointed this summer. Why, down in Italy I noticed that great numbers of men were engaged in buying all the old stuff possible, no matter of how indifferent a quality, most of it worse than mediocre, and such as the Italian Government, which forbids the exportation of any old work of any value, would simply be delighted to have taken out of the country."

"Later they will make their appearance in New York, be advertised every day in the papers, and probably bought at enormous prices by persons who like to buy things because they are expensive."

OPUM FAMINE THREATENED.

Hard to Procure the Drug in San Francisco's Chinatown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—San Francisco's Chinatown for the first time in its history is threatened with an opium famine. Two important factors have contributed to bring about this condition. One is the Government of the United States; the other is the State Board of Pharmacy.

The first by absolutely prohibiting the importation of opium in a crude form has sent the price soaring from \$16 to \$40 for a half pound tin. The second by strict supervision of all drug stores and prompt punishment of all offenders has made it impossible to obtain morphine or cocaine in any place in San Francisco except on a doctor's certificate.

The State Board of Pharmacy's activity has resulted in a great hardship to the white slaves of the drug, many of whom have applied for admission to insane asylums where they may be gradually cured of the habit. The high price of opium has led to great shrinkage of imports, and now in Chinatown the same opium is used several times over to make the supply last.

FIND HORACE'S SABINE FARM

Prof. Pasqui Identifies the Roman Poet's Retreat—Search for Relics.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Sept. 24.—Prof. Pasqui has completed his explorations of the supposed site of Horace's Sabine farm.

He discovered traces of mosaics and the remains of walls. The area of the land is two acres. It has been practically identified as the site of the poet's farm. It will be excavated soon.

TO PUNISH PICKPOCKETS.

Judges Rosalsky and Mulqueen Say They'll Be Very Severe.

Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions gave warning yesterday that he would be especially severe with any pickpockets caught during the Hudson-Fulton celebration. Judge Rosalsky said that he would ask the District Attorney to investigate carefully the records of those arrested with view to getting their indictments as second offenders whenever possible. If such indictments are found Judge Rosalsky says, he will not only impose the severest penalty provided by law, upon conviction, but will also brand the offenders habitual criminals.

To give point to his remarks Judge Rosalsky sentenced Max Greenberg of 730 East 172d street, who was caught picking a pocket in the Fourteenth street subway station on September 9, to four years in Sing Sing. Two other men who were arrested at work on street cars, and a third who picked a woman's pocket in Central Park, got two and a half years each. Three younger offenders were sent to Elmira.

Judge Mulqueen also announced that pickpockets caught during the celebration will receive no mercy. He sentenced Charles H. King to Sing Sing for not less than five or more than ten years. King was convicted of robbing a man on a subway train. Still Woods, a four-year-old boy, was sentenced to not less than one year and three months or more than two years and six months.

END OF WORLD DUE TO-NIGHT.

Trine Immortalists Say Yesterday's Black Clouds Announced It.

DEXTER, Mass., Sept. 24.—As firmly convinced as ever that the end of the world is due within the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock to-morrow night, the Trine Immortalists occupy their camp at Ashdod to-night, praying, singing and shouting hysterically. The coming of the end was postponed this morning and the leaders of the cult announced that the stories that have gone out to the world during the last few days to the effect that the end was due at 10 o'clock this morning were erroneous.

According to their belief the first day was to be marked by signs and omens in the heavens, and when at noon a tremendous impressive array of deep black clouds piled up in the western sky those who had watched for Christ's coming were sure the hour had at hand.

The Rev. J. C. Osgood, pastor of the chapel of Ashdod, said:

"We are in the closing days. Probably not more than one-tenth of our people are looking for the coming of the Lord to-day, but all the signs show that His coming will be soon. This is the tenth day of Tigr, a day on which momentous events may be expected. The Lord may not come to-day and He may not come for a year, but we shall keep on praising Him for we know He will come."

FEDERAL OFFICER ARRESTED

STATE COURT ORDERS IT; FREED AT ONCE ON WRIT.

Blind Tiger Row in Georgia—Brings About a Clash Over the Right of an Internal Revenue Collector to Tell Secrets of Business—Other Arrests Made.

ATLANTA, Sept. 24.—Hostilities between the Federal and the State courts came to an issue to-day when Collector of Internal Revenue Rucker was arrested on an order from Judge Fite of the Cherokee circuit and afterward released pending the final trial of habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Newman, United States Circuit Court.

The arrest of Rucker is the result of a clash over prohibition conditions in the State. United States Gauger Stegall a few days ago was hauled before the Dade county Grand Jury and asked to give evidence as to an alleged registered distillery in the neighborhood. Whether there is such a still or not has never yet been proved in court.

Whatever Stegall knew of such a place, however, he had learned in an official capacity, and under a rule of the United States Government he could not answer, the penalty being the loss of his office and a heavy fine as well. So Stegall refused to answer and the Grand Jury reported the matter to Judge Fite. Three times Judge Fite summoned him to appear and each time Stegall refused to answer. Judge Fite then put him in jail, declaring he would send for him no more.

In the meantime Stegall had appealed to Rucker, asking what he should do in the matter. Rucker answered by citing the Government rules and telling Stegall to keep his mouth shut. Then Fite countered by sending Sheriff Thurman of Dade to Atlanta with instructions to bring Rucker before him to answer the Grand Jury under penalty of contempt of court.

Rucker was put under arrest to-day and immediately appealed to the United States authorities. Habeas corpus proceedings were begun and Judge Newman ordered Thurman to bring Rucker before him. The case was then postponed until Saturday and Rucker was admitted to bail. Then habeas corpus proceedings were begun in the case of Stegall and Thurman was ordered to bring him to Judge Newman's court. If he fails to do so he will probably be put under arrest himself.

The State authorities are of the opinion that the Government should allow its revenue men to testify in the case of registered distilleries. They would make admirable witnesses and would thus largely put an end to blind tigers. As it is the Government is paid its tax, its officers keep their mouths shut and the State has to find out where these stills are located on its own initiative.

PULLED DOWN U. S. FLAG.

Incident of Cordon Reception in Ireland—O'Brien to Question Asquith.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 24.—On Monday next Patrick O'Brien will ask Premier Asquith in the House of Commons if he is aware that on September 18, when the inhabitants of Castlebar were giving a public reception to Capt. Edward O'Mearha, who is described as holding a high office in the United States Government, and John McCallaghan, editor of the Boston Globe, a sergeant of the Royal Irish Constabulary ordered a moon cake to be hauled down an American flag that he had hoisted in honor of the American visitors.

O'Brien will also ask the Premier whether he is aware that the incident is regarded in the United States as an insult to the American flag, and whether in view of the friendly relations which are supposed to exist between the United States and Great Britain he will cause Ambassador Bryce to explain and apologize for the unauthorized offensive action.

ELECTION SOON IN ENGLAND.

Liberal Whip Denies, but Newspapers Make January the Latest Time.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Right Hon. J. A. Pease, the chief Liberal whip, says he has made no arrangement for a general election. He does not expect that such an election will be held for two years. "It is in the lap of the gods," he says.

Nevertheless, politicians of all parties are convinced that the dissolution of Parliament is near, January being the latest date assumed. The newspapers without exception, accept it as a fact that a general election is imminent. To-day they devote their most prominent columns to the political situation, preparations for the coming of the new Parliament and speculations regarding the action of the House of Lords on the finance bill, the effect of such action on the position of the upper house and other matters naturally concomitant with an electoral fight.

The last clause of the budget bill passed the House of Commons this evening; although this does not connote the disposal of the bill, for various schedules and postponed clauses remain to be discussed, and it is not likely that the measure will go to the House of Lords before October 30.

Some of the Irish members of the House of Commons fell foul of the budget last evening in connection with the proposed tax on petrol. Mr. Healy said the Government was strangling the motor spirit industry and handing it over to Rockefeller and his colleagues. He added that if this were persisted in many traders in Ireland would cease to sell petrol.

Numbers of American visitors to Ireland, he said, never entered a train, but travelled luxuriously in their own automobiles all over the country, spending money like dukes wherever they went, but if they found that the Irish owing to the taxes were compelled to stop selling petrol they would stay away.

Travelling of Replicas of HUDSON'S BUS of NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The Hudson-Fulton parade during afternoon parade to-day. See Day Line adv.—Ad.

RECORD DUTIES ON LINER.

Passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Paid \$30,000—Gary Paid \$10,000 of It.

It was learned yesterday that the record customs receipts from the passengers of any one incoming transatlantic passenger steamship this year were collected last Tuesday from the passengers of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. of the North German Lloyd line. The total amount collected in duties on that vessel was \$30,000. Judge E. H. Gary of the United States Steel Corporation paid about \$10,000, which is one of the largest sums ever turned into the Treasury by an American returning from abroad.

SNACKS FOR THE POLICE.

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Puts Up \$1,000 for Lunch for the Men.

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission sent yesterday to Police Commissioner Baker \$1,000 for lunches for the policemen who will be on special duty to-day. The Commissioner early in the week realized that there was no provision for feeding the men, and having no authority to use police funds for the purpose he notified Herman Ridder of the finance committee. With the \$1,000, which came as a check signed by Isaac Seligman, treasurer of the committee, Commissioner Baker has arranged for the serving of 16,000 sandwiches and 4,000 cups of coffee to the men on duty north of Fifty-fifth street.

The lunches will be transported by the New York Central free of charge to the relay stations at Seventy-seventh, Ninety-seventh, 103d, 120th, 138th and 158th streets.

HE BOASTED TOO SOON.

No Robbery Had Been Reported, but McCafferty Hears of One Night Away.

Inspector McCafferty told the newspaper men at 300 Mulberry street yesterday that although the police had picked up many known pickpockets not a report had been made of their successful operation in the last twenty-four hours.

Flora Winterstein, who lives with her brother at 133 Lenox avenue, left her home last night to visit some friends. As she was passing a Jewish synagogue near 118th street a woman called her attention to her chateleine bag, which was open. The girl looked and found that it had not only been opened but that it had been emptied of everything.

In the bag had been four diamond rings valued at \$1,000. The loss was reported to the police.

TWO DIE WHEN AUTO BURNS.

Joy Ride at American, Ga., Ends With Car Down Embankment.

AMERICAN, Ga., Sept. 24.—Pinned beneath a burning touring automobile which a few seconds before had plunged over an eight foot embankment while driven at a terrific rate of speed John McFadden, a young business man and bank official of this place, and Viola Hermann, a woman companion, were instantly killed this morning. Ethel Hill, another member of the party, was severely burned.

The dead woman's neck was broken and death resulted instantly. McFadden was not killed outright, but died in agony beneath the flaming machine. The bodies of the two victims were partly consumed by the flames. Miss Hill, although suffering excruciating pain, ran for two miles through the dark to American and told the story.

SUCCESSOR TO REV. MR. WRIGHT.

Denver Clergyman Called to Lenox Avenue Union Church.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 24.—The Rev. William Bayard Craig, who recently resigned as pastor of the First Christian Church of Denver, has received a call from New York to become pastor of the Lenox Avenue Union Church. Mr. and Mrs. Craig will leave next week for New York. Mr. Craig is not prepared to say that he will accept the call. He says he